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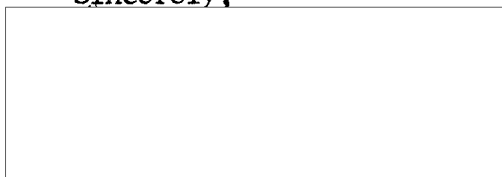
26 August 1981

Mr. Laurence G. Pickering
Chief, Classification and Declassification
Center/Systematic Review
Bureau of Administration
The Department of State
Room 1239, New State Building
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Larry:

The Classification Review Division reviewed three pages (375-377 DEC) from Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS), Volume IX, 1952-54, Near and Middle East. The material that CRD recommends for excision may be found on 377 DEC in red brackets. All other material in these three pages may be released.

Sincerely,

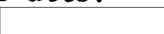


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Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services
Directorate of Administration

Attachments:
375-377 DEC (3 pages)

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- 1 - FRUS, Volume IX, 1952-54 w/1-page att. (377 DEC)
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

FROM: Thomas H. White
Director of Information Services

SUBJECT: Request from Department of State for Temporary Relief from
Top Secret Control Procedures for Foreign Relations of the
United States Material

Bill:

1. Attached hereto is a memorandum to me from my Chief of the Classification Review Division asking for permission to control Top Secret documents as Secret material. This is an unusual circumstance dealing with ancient records and the request is based upon a desire to avoid the expenditure of considerable manpower. I do not believe that similar situations will arise in the future and therefore it appears to be a one-time thing.

2. I would like to cooperate with this part of State since the director of the State effort has bent over backwards in helping us increase our control over CIA material in State's hands. I believe the proposed solution is adequate, but I do not want to agree to this without your approval.

3. Please let me know as soon as possible what you think of this.

/s/ Thomas H. White

Thomas H. White

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17 August 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Services

FROM:

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Chief, Classification Review Division

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SUBJECT: Request from CDC/SR for Temporary Relief
from Top Secret Control Procedures for
FRUS Material

1. As you may recall, I received a phone call late in July from Larry Pickering in which he repeated his plea for temporary relief from Top Secret document controls in the preparation of volumes of Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) now being readied for review. This request for a temporary moratorium on the special storage, inventorying, and control requirements normally required for Top Secret documents would apply only to the proposed 1955-57 and 1958-60 volumes of FRUS which have already been compiled by the Historical Office (HO) and given to CDC/SR for review. CDC has received permission from NSC and DOD (Art Van Cook) to apply a temporary moratorium for material of interest to those agencies. Starting with the 1961-63 compilations, any Top Secret documents selected for inclusion in the compilation and determined to be of CIA origin or interest would be forwarded to the Agency for review before their inclusion in the compilation.

2. In response to my questions in an exploratory conversation on 5 August, Larry opined that most of these documents had been selected from State files. Some could have been obtained from the presidential libraries. In a conversation with our own History Staff on 6 August, I learned that the procedure for selecting the library documents, as far as the Agency is involved, goes about as follows: State's Historical Office sends the Agency (the History Staff) a letter requesting permission to review our documents on a given subject at the presidential library; having received our permission, the HO representative selects the documents in which he is interested; the library sends copies of those documents to the History Staff for review; the History Staff checks with the appropriate releasing authority within the Agency to determine whether the document may be released and then replies to the library accordingly.

3. The problem lies in the fact that the 1955-57 and 1958-60 compilations have already been pulled together by HO and given to CDC/SR, the Top Secret documents are buried within them, and it would be a terrible burden to have to hold up the review to locate these documents and place them under control. I did not get the

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figure for the 1958-60 compilation, but the 1955-57 series, for example, amounts to 270,000 pages, which gives you an idea of the size of the problem. I tried to get from Larry some idea of the number or percentage of Top Secret documents in those collections but he said it was too difficult to judge. He did, however, have an inventory of the collection on Indonesia which had gone into the review stage. It indicated that there were 30 Top Secret documents out of approximately 900 pages, none of which was of CIA origin. An inventory of material on Central American countries indicated that there were nine Top Secret documents out of approximately 1500 pages, only one of which was a document originated by the Agency.

4. Larry advised that, given our approval, the process would be as follows. All State Department personnel having access to this material would have a Top Secret clearance. No one with a Secret clearance would have access to the compilation until the review by CDC/SR takes place and all Top Secret material is identified and removed or sanitized. Also, no material would be released from the Department to any other agency until it was reviewed and the Top Secret material identified, inventoried, and controlled. In the meantime the material would be handled as Secret; i.e., it would be stored in three-way combination safes, it would not be inventoried, nor would it be signed for as it passed from one party to the next. If the reviewing officer in CDC/SR surfaces a Top Secret document as the material for a given volume comes under review, and believes it cannot be sanitized for inclusion in FRUS, he will remove it from the compilation. If he thinks, however, that the document can possibly be sanitized in some manner, he will mark it for review by the agency concerned. At that point the Top Secret material surfaced by the review will be provided full control according to standard Top Secret control requirements.

5. My recommendation is that we allow them the temporary suspension of Top Secret control that they are requesting, for the 1955-57 and 1958-60 series only. We should advise CDC/SR and HO that we will want to work out control procedures for handling Top Secret material to be selected for the 1961-63 compilation and future compilation.

6. In closing, it's worth noting that Larry advised me they are considering eliminating any documents concerning covert action (not further defined) from future series of the FRUS, on the basis of the problems it causes in obtaining clearance, and the fact that no matter how much is included, it is never enough as far as some customers of the FRUS series are concerned. The aim would be to keep the FRUS series as more of a history of straight diplomatic policy to the extent that can be accomplished. This could, of course, have a significant impact on our manpower requirements for reviewing these series.

7. I will advise Larry by letter as soon as I have your decision regarding the recommendation in paragraph 5, unless you would prefer to advise Tom Ainsworth directly.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Classification Review Division

THROUGH: Chief, Administration Branch

FROM:

Administration Branch

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SUBJECT: FRUS, Volume XIII, 1952-54, Indochina

1. and I went to State on 13 August to discuss the remaining STAT Volume XIII problems with Larry Pickering with the following results:

a. Pickering was able to locate the majority of the pages that we had returned without keeping copies. I am happy to report that none of these pages were marked for sanitization. This was noted in the card index.

b. Pickering said he would attempt to locate the remaining questionable pages.

c. We advised Pickering that BER 292 which had originally been sanitized had not yet been sent to CIA for verification. He assured us that BER 292 had been sanitized as requested.

d. Pickering said he planned to send us the pages which had not been properly sanitized per our letter to him dated 25 June to allow us to re-check the re-sanitization. The pages in question are JAN 211, BER 326, and BER 361.

2. I went to State on 14 August to pick up the remaining questionable pages of Volume XIII. Pickering said he could not locate the actual pages that we had originally returned. Therefore, he made copies from the master set. He said he had looked them over and found nothing of interest to CIA. On 17 August I reviewed these 26 pages and am again happy to report there was nothing of concern to CIA. I have noted this in the card index.

3. To sum up, I believe that all the pages that we have reviewed are ready to go to press except the pages as noted above -- JAN 211, BER 292, BER 326, and BER 361. It is suggested that Pickering be asked to re-submit these four pages in their final form, and then if all is okay, give him the green light.

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